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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019

(*Item 3 (a)*)

Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019

Programme 25
Management and support services

1. At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 12 and 13 June 2017, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Secretary-General on the consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 (A/72/84 and Corr.1 and 2).

2. The Assistant Secretary-General/Chief Information Technology Officer introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during its consideration by the Committee.

Discussion

3. Some delegations welcomed the proposal of the Secretary-General and the leadership shown in information and communications technology. A delegation expressed appreciation for the continued efforts of the Secretariat to reduce the fragmentation of information and communications technology and increase

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collaboration in the implementation of the information and communications technology strategy.

4. Some delegations stressed the importance of developing a robust information and communications technology system in the broader context of the effectiveness and transparency of resources and to ensure effective governance. A delegation noted the significant progress made in that regard, including improved collaboration between the Office of Information and Communications Technology and the Department of Field Support, and emphasized the importance of creating improved performance metrics that would permit reporting on the timely submission of documentation and on air travel, and better measurement of videoconferencing services. As regards air travel, clarification was sought as to how such metrics could be further enhanced for broader application.

5. A delegation noted that the expected accomplishments set out in the report reflected those of the Secretariat for the biennium 2018-2019. A delegation remarked that in general there was a lack of focus on impact and results within the Organization, with more focus placed on inputs and outputs. The delegation sought clarification as to what more could be done to clearly define the impact.

6. A delegation noted that the transfer of functions proposed in the report was in response to existing mandates. A delegation sought clarification regarding the language proposed for removal from subprogramme 3, Field support, of programme 28, Safety and security, which did not appear to be the same language proposed for inclusion in component 4, Application and website development support, of subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology strategic management and coordination, of programme 25, Management and support services. Clarification was sought as to the reasons for the difference, and whether all functions would be transferred or some would remain under programme 28.

7. One delegation referred to the increase in resource requirements for the programme and noted that it would be considered in the context of the budget review during the main part of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the changes to the narrative of programme 25, Management and support services, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/72/84 and Corr.1 and 2) and in section 29E, Office of Information and Communications Technology, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 29E)).**